GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
OCEAN DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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BUILDING OF BUOY RESEARCH VESSEL
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Will the Minister of OCEAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has awarded the work order for the construction of Buoy tender-cum-Research Vessel to meet the maintenance requirement for increasing buoy network;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the estimated cost of the said vessel; and

(d) the time by which it is likely to be commissioned?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT(SHRI KAPIL SIBAL)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The National Institute of Ocean Technology, Chennai, an autonomous body of the Department has signed a contract with M/s Hindustan Shipyard Limited, Visakhapatnam, for construction of the said vessel. The keel laying of the vessel was done on 23rd December 2004 at Hindustan Shipyard Ltd. The underwater hull of the vessel has been erected and the ship's major machineries have been ordered.

(c) The estimated cost of the vessel is Rs. 22 crores.

(d) The vessel is expected to be completed by March 2006.